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SUBJECT: U.S. CANDIDATE FOR UNICEF EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR

REF: STATE 104348

- 1. PER REFERENCE INSTRUCTIONS, EMBOFF INFORMED QUAI ACTING UN DIRECTOR OURMET MAY 9 THAT JAMES GRANT IS U.S. CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED LABOUISSE AS UNICEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. OURMET ASKED IF THERE WAS POSSIBILITY OF LABOUISSE CONTINUING AT UNICEF BEYOND END OF 1977. EMBOFF PROMISED LOOK INTO THIS. OURMET ALSO ASKED IF WE COULD FIND OUT WHEN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM IS LIKELY TO ANNOUNCE HIS CHOICE.
- 2. OURMET TOOK NOTE OF U.S. CANDIDACY AND VOLUNTEERED TO SUPPORT JAMES GRANT IN WHATEVER MANNER MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE. EMBOFF THANKED HIM BUT SAID, AT THIS POINT AT LEAST, OBJECTIVE IS TO INFORM FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS, MEMBERS OF UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD, OF OUR CANDIDATE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE ARE IMPRESSED BY ALACRITY WITH WHICH QUAI ACTING UN DIRECTOR OFFERED TO SUPPORT U.S. CANDIDACY FOR THIS UN POST -- AS HE HAD IN CASE OF U.S. ELECTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION RECENTLY. THEREFORE, WILL APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSE TO OURMET'S TWO QUESTIONS CITED ABOVE SO THAT WE CAN ENCOURAGE

THESE INDICATIONS OF COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE FROM GOF REGARDING UN CANDIDACIES.
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